

Committee Meetings

FAIR ACCESS TO INDEMNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1987, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher, Clay and Andrews.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1186)

H.J. Res.71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000. Signed October 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-75)

S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. Signed October 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-76)

H.R. 560, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed October 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-77)

H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-78)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on issues deal-

ing with the Puducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the status of United States military forces, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior offices' quarters, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit; Faith S. Hochberg, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; Frank H. McCarthy, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and Virginia A. Phillips, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the readiness impact of operations in Kosovo: problems encountered, lessons learned, and reconstitution, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian threat perceptions and plans for sabotage against the United States, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the state of security at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and Sandia National Laboratory (New Mexico), 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform for the New Millennium, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following: Presidential Transition Act Amendment of 1999; and H.R. 2376, to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 1838, Taiwan Security Enhancement Act, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on U.S. Trade Policies and Agricultural Disease: Safety, Economic, and Global Considerations, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Bankruptcy Judgeship Needs; followed by a hearing and mark-up of H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2442, Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to continue oversight hearings on the Federal Aid Programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Part III), 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and H.R. 2532, National Heritage Areas Policy Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Education Research: Is What We Don't Know Hurting Our Children? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Y2K and Nuclear Power: Will Reactors React Responsibly?, 10:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on Persian Gulf War veterans issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.